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1. UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES OTHERWISE, WE WOULD ENCOURAGE AN EMBASSY OFFICER OTHER THAN THE AMBASSADOR TO BE RESPONSIVE TO A POSSIBLE PRAPHAT REQUEST FOR CONTACT WITH OFFICIAL AMERICANS. IF THE REQUEST IS FORTHCOMING, WE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DISCOVERING PRAPHAT'S OR NARONG'S VERSION OF THE EVENTS THAT LED TO THEIR DOWNFALL. NEWS ABOUT THEIR FUTURE PLANS WOULD PROVE INTERESTING ALSO.

2. ANALYSIS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE CABINET SWORN IN THIS AFTERNOON (SEE SEPTTEL), STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT THERE WILL BE NO SHARP DEPARTURE FROM THE FOREIGN POLICY OF ITS PREDECESSOR INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF RELATIONS WITH THE PRC AND ROC. ALTHOUGH THE STUDENTS IN
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THEIR JUNE AND MOST RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE NOT

FOCUSED ON THAI RELATIONS WITH THE PRC AND ROC, THEY MIGHT
DO SO IN FUTURE, PARTICULARLY AS THAILAND MOVES TOWARD
ELECTIONS. IF SO, TAIWAN'S HARBORING OF PRAPHAT AND NARONG
COULD CREATE SOME ANTIPATHY TOWARD THE ROC; THOUGH WE DO
NOT BELIEVE THIS ALONG WOULD BE A MAJOR FACTOR IN DETERMINING
ATTITUDES TOWARD PRC AND GRC. SWITZERLAND IS THE ONLY LIKELY
REFUGE THAT COMES TO MIND WHERE THIS WOULD NOT BE A FACTOR.
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